

Monthly Report for March 2015
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Environmental Health

Food Safety Program –

- Food safety training needs have recently been identified within the jurisdiction, based on facility performance during 30 day inspections for newly-licensed facilities and requests for on-site training. Ms. Zmuda is working to develop training in response to those needs.

Public Swimming Pools –

- Ohio Department of Health is conducting a pilot study to formally assess the effectiveness of collecting data through a Public Pool and Spa Injury Incident Report Form. This study will potentially enable reduction of the incidence of injuries and deaths by allowing ODH to better understand the circumstances surrounding public swimming pool-related injuries and deaths in Ohio, and to enhance their ability to make informed, data-driven decisions during the public swimming pool rule review process. ODH has been notified of our interest in the study and intent to participate as a beta test site.
- A splash park has been proposed at East Park. Plan review and construction inspections are done by ODH Environmental Health staff. Upon final approval the new facility will be licensed and routinely inspected by this department.

General Health Department

Galion Safety Council held its Annual Awards Program on March 20. The Health Department was recognized with a 100% Award for our efforts to prevent accidents and injuries in the workplace, and working the entire calendar year 2014 without an injury or illness resulting in a day away from work.

Accreditation

Community Health Assessment (CHA) – Crawford County Health Partners, the collaborative that is working toward a CHA and subsequent community health improvement plan (CHIP), is finalizing the arrangements for the CHA. Avita, the fiscal agent for the Health Partners, will contract with Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio for the project, and additional funding partners will have MOUs in place with Avita. Total current pledges for the CHA and CHIP stand at \$43,500, and are as follows:

Avita - \$12,500;
Crawford County General Health District - \$10,000;
Galion City Health Department - \$10,000;
Crawford-Marion ADAMH Board - \$7,000;
Crawford County Education & Economic Development Partnership - \$3,000; and

City of Bucyrus - \$1,000.

The completed contract and MOUs are set to be in place by the Health Partners' next meeting on April 21. Looking ahead, the projected timeline for remaining CHA activities is as follows:

May 2015 – Survey development completed

September 2015 – Data collection begins

November 2015 – Data collection completed; data prepared for analysis

January 2016 – Committee meeting with HCNO to present draft report

Early 2016 – Community Event to present PowerPoint and report

Respectfully submitted,

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